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From Basically Bad Study Habits

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[Summarized Translation]Brief history of my life

Conditions of Sino-Japanese war cut short my schooling after graduation from the elementary school. When the war ended, I came to Peiping and because I was in a straitened circumstance, I joined the army. I was then 20 years old and was quite ambitious to become a great scientist so that I worked hard to study English and geometry in spite of the ridicules of my comrades.

When Peiping was liberated, I was supporting my family so that I had little time or strength left for study. Upon graduation from the middle school, our professors urged us to continue our study by proceeding to college. They said that it was our duty especially in the light of the role we can play in the revolution by advancing our study. After much mental struggle, I decided to continue my study. Since I had skipped the junior middle school, I was half-baked and because of lack of foundation, I did poorly in my first year at college and was almost on the verge of losing my health. However, I patiently labored on to remedy my shortcomings; for cultural background sets definite limits to apperception.

Some of the methods of learning which were crystallized out of my experience were:

1. When bewildered by a backlog of studies, keep the head clear and heart unafraid; leaving aside new problems until background of understanding could

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be built up.

2. When difficulty arises, analyze cause and find a solution, using one's effort with all the confidence.

3. On beginning a new study, use intense care to articulate it with previous achievements.

4. Guard health during intense and toilsome study.

5. Be very thorough at each step, following the problems carefully and making sure that one grasps the situation thoroughly.

6. Cultivate interest which will grow as one's work progresses.

7. Grasp and stress the important points, such as basic fundamentals and formulae.

These are principles which I have followed and which have helped me tremendously in orienting myself to the many study problems. When a lesson is completed, it is easy to see the various aspects more clearly. However, with self-satisfaction, there comes a tendency to relax which must be avoided.

Good students should help the poorer ones but not in a spirit of superiority which would discourage the less gifted ones from seeking help. It is the responsibility of the good students to teach the lesser fortunate ones to become more self-reliant and the right method of studying.